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**AND** 

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed September 26, 2001 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, Applicants submit herewith the required paper copy and a computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing. Please amend the specification as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-Nuclear localization signal sequences are known to those of ordinary skill in the art. See, e.g., Nakielny, et al., Cell 99:677-690 (1999). Generally, nuclear

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